

REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 43-52 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

The specification has been amended to insert cross-references to the parent applications and refer to government support. Further, amendments to the specification made during the prosecution of the parent application including information relating to sequence listings and correcting clerical errors have been requested. No new matter has been added.

Original claims 1-42 have been canceled and new claims 43-52 have been added to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. Newly added claim 43 is supported within originally pending now canceled claim 9. Claims 43 is directed to producing a protein and this particular language is supported within originally pending now canceled claim 12.

New claim 44 is supported within originally pending now canceled claim 10.

New claim 45 is supported within the original specification such as at page 11, lines 14-20 and specifically at lines 19-20.

New claim 46 is supported within originally pending now canceled claim 13 and with respect to the term "protein" within originally pending now canceled claim 17.

New claims 47 and 48 are supported, respectively, within originally pending now canceled claims 14 and 15.

New claim 49 is supported in the specification at page 11, lines 14-20 and particularly at lines 19-20.

New claim 50 is supported within originally pending now canceled claim 18 and with respect to the term "protein" within originally pending now canceled claim 21.

New claim 51 is supported within originally pending now canceled claim 19.

Claim 52 is supported in the specification at page 11, lines 14-20 and specifically at lines 19-20.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

No new matter has been added.

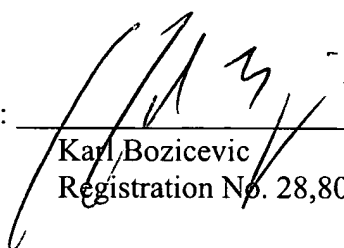
Conclusion

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number UCAL-062CON2.

Respectfully submitted,
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